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In re application of: Binnard et al. )  
Serial No: 09/779,944 ) Art Unit  
Filed: February 8, 2001 ) 2851  
For: MULTIPLE POINT SUPPORT ASSEMBLY )  
FOR A STAGE )  
Examiner: Peter B. Kim )  
Attorney Docket: PA0325-US / 11269.22 )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment and response is to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 24, 2003. This amendment and response is timely filed because a two-month extension of time has been requested and paid for. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below:

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class, postage prepaid mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

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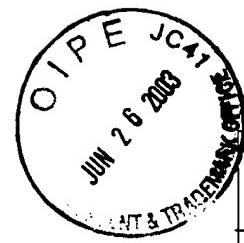
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**In the Drawings:**

Amendments to Figure 1 have been provided to the Official Draftsman. In particular, a reference numeral "78" was added, and various reference numerals were repositioned for convenience.



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Attorney Docket PA0325-US / 11269.22		
Application Serial Number:		Filing Date:	Examiner:	Group Art Unit:		
09/779,944 ✓		February 8, 2001	Peter B. Kim	2851 ✓		
Invention: MULTIPLE POINT SUPPORT ASSEMBLY FOR A STAGE						
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENT AND TRADEMARKS:</b> Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	51	MINUS	41	10	\$18	\$180
INDEP. CLAIMS	10	MINUS	4	6	\$84	\$504
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>January 24, 2003</u> to and through <u>June 24, 2003</u> , comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <input type="checkbox"/> one month (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> three months (\$930) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months (\$410) <input type="checkbox"/> four months (\$1,450)						
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>						\$1094
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal and Form PTO 1449 (modified) as filed on April 25, 2001 along with the return receipt postcard as stamped by the USPTO are enclosed herewith.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal, Form PTO 1449 (modified), the cited references, and a check in the amount of \$180 are enclosed herewith.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1094, which includes \$410 for the extension of time, is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Letter to the Official Draftsman, including replacement page 1.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the fees for which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested.</p>						
<span style="font-size: 2em;">6-24-03</span> Date		 Steven G. Roeder, Reg. No. 37,227				
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